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FROM: Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Draft FOIA Testimony

1. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI) will be testifying on 8 February 1984, before the Legislation Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), concerning the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) legislation currently before the Committee. S. 1324, having passed the Senate last November, has been referred to HPSCI. The main focus of this hearing is, however, on the two House FOIA bills. H.R. 3460 was introduced early last year by Representative Romano Mazzoli (D., Ky.), who chairs the Legislation Subcommittee. H.R. 4431, which is nearly identical to S. 1324, was introduced late last year by Representative William Whitehurst (R., VA). Representative Whitehurst is the ranking minority Member on the Legislation Subcommittee.

2. The attached draft testimony is, in most part, a repeat of the statement the DDCI gave before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence last summer. The introductory remarks were revised and the last few pages discussing the differences between the two House bills is, of course, new. This draft has been given to the DDCI with the understanding that it has not been coordinated internally yet.

3. Please review and submit any comments you may have, in writing or by telephone, no later than noon, Friday, 3 February, to [redacted]

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